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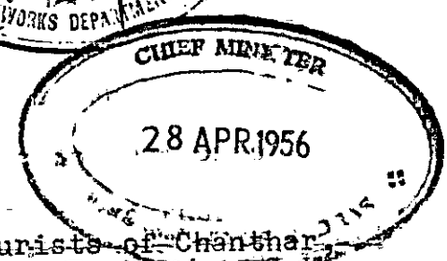

To

The Chief Minister,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

From

The Land-holders and Agriculturists of Chanthar, Matpady and Handady villages, Brahmavar, S.K. Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District.

Subject: Chanthar Madaga -- Non-availibility of sufficient water to the second paddy crop -- Leakage in sluices -- Proposed Betterment Tax opposed.

Respected Sir,

We, the Land-Holders and the Agriculturists of Chanthar, Matpady and Handady villages hear that the Government proposes to impose a Betterment Tax on those fields watered by the waters of the Chanthar Madaga. Since the Madaga was repaired by the Government, we are sorry to see that we have not been receiving enough water for our second crop, especially to those fields which are far away from the Chanthar Madaga. It is not exageration if we say that we are not now receiving even that much of water which we used to get prior to the construction of the Madaga Bund. The Madaga is there since centuries and the Ryots used to utilise its water by putting temperory mud-bund across and raise second crop. When settlement Officer imposed assessment on the fields watered by the Madaga, they levied highest (wet) assessment on these fields and we have been paying like that all these years. Without the least effort or any investment, The Goverment have been collecting these high assessment all these days. So, the Government will not be justified to impose any further taxation on us in the name of Betterment Tax or water tax with out

giving any additional continuous supply of water from the Chanthar Madaga.

We have been informing the Government Officers concerned about the shortage of Madaga waters for our second crops all these years after the repairs of the Madaga by the Government, by telegraphs, petitions and resolutions of the Gramodhara Sangha, Brahmavar. S.K. But we are very sorry to see that the Government instead of redressing our grievences, now propose to levy a heavy tax on us. Instead of profiting by the Madaga repairs, we have actually suffered for want of sufficient water for our second crop.

We pray that this year at least the Madaga may be properly repaired and enough water stored for the second crop next year. Also in view of the high assessment, we are paying for the wet lands watered by the Madaga any proposed to impose or levy any fresh taxes may be dropped.

Any communications regarding to this may be kindly addressed to Sri M.M.Bhat, the Secretary, Gramodhara Sangha, Brahmavar, South Kanara on our behalf.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Date:25th March, '56

Secretary,
Gramodhara Sangha, Brahmavar,

B. Narayana Rao

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